**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Premier Community HealthCare to Host**

**2nd Annual Children’s Dental Event**

**WHAT:** Premier Community HealthCare (Premier) seeks to bring awareness to February’s National Children's Dental Health Month by hosting its second annual Children’s Dental Day. Dentists will provide a full day of low-cost dental services for children under 18 years of age.

There are 100 dental appointment slots available for services such as X-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and fillings. As a community health center serving all, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Most insurance plans, including Medicaid and Florida KidCare, are accepted. Services will be provided at a special discounted fee of $15 for children under 18 years of age without insurance. Appointments must be made by calling 352.518.2000. Limited walk-in slots are available.

In addition to dental services, Premier will also provide games and educational activities for children while they wait, as well as free giveaways and prizes.

Dr. Jose Peralta, DDS dental director at Premier, will be available for pre-event media interviews as well as on-site interviews at the Dade City location.

**WHO:** Children under 18 years of age are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for services.

**WHY:** The event will focus on the importance of oral health, as tooth decay is the most common childhood disease. It’s five times more common than asthma and approximately 51 million school hours are missed annually nationwide due to dental-related illness. By hosting Children’s Dental Day, Premier’s goal is to start children on the road to great oral health.

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 3 from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Premier Community HealthCare dental facilities located at 37944 Pasco Ave., Dade City, FL 33525 and 2114 Seven Springs Blvd., Trinity, FL 34655.

**Premier Community HealthCare Group** is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC’s) dedicated to providing accessible healthcare for all. With 8 conveniently located offices throughout Pasco County to serve patients, Premier provides a full range of comprehensive primary care medical services that include Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Dental, Behavioral Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology. Premier has been committed to serving the medically underserved areas with its long-standing presence in Pasco County since 1979. Premier is one of more than 1,300 community health centers nationwide created by federal legislation that provides some funding for the facilities. The centers are required by law to cater to medically underserved populations.

Learn more about Premier Community HealthCare at [www.PremierHC.org](http://www.PremierHC.org).

Media interested should confirm attendance to Kendra Cummings of Vistra Communications at 813.961.4700 x206 or [Kendra@ConsultVistra.com](mailto:Kendra@ConsultVistra.com).

For on-site media inquiries, contact Cheryl Pollock of Premier Community HealthCare Group at 813.785.2221 or [CPollock@HCnetwork.org](mailto:CPollock@HCnetwork.org).

###